

Panel discussion:

# Residual value insurance (RVI) for jets and helicopters

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## Introducing the expert panel

- Phillip Bolt, Bolt Advisory/Bolt Steward Cable
  - Consultancy and broker services
  - Place RVI on behalf of Ironshore Inc. (US based international insurer)
  - 37 years in aerospace sector, BAE, Airbus and focus on broking of financial products & derivatives

#### Steve Allum, Renaissance Risk

- Risk consultancy
- 23 years risk management, involved in insurance for over 20 years (Marsh, AON, JLT)
- Head of Residual Value, JLT (2009 2012)

**Points for discussion:** 

- **1.** What is **RVI**? What is it not?
- 2. Capacity for underwriting RVI?
- **3.** How do RVI underwriters assess aircraft values?
- 4. How much does RVI cost and is it value for money?
- 5. What RVI do I get for my money? i.e. how do I claim/are there exclusions?

- 1. What is **RVI**? What is it not?
- Defining RVI
- Asset finance
- Differences corporate vs. commercial aircraft?
- Why needed for corporate jets?
- Aircraft types and vintages?
- Recent examples?
- RVI vs. Residual Value Guarantee, not a guarantee, not equity, nothing to do with repossession insurance
- Swapping (portion of) RV risk for insurer credit risk over 10 years?

## 1. What is **RVI**? What is it not? (cont'd)

Financiers - typically seek protection throughout the term of their lending

Can be triggered by credit default

Requires an evergreen asset value guarantee (AVG)

Most commonly offered by the OEM for new assets

Lessors/ Manufacturers – typically seeking balance sheet relief or accounting treatment

Cover for balloon payment and end of finance term

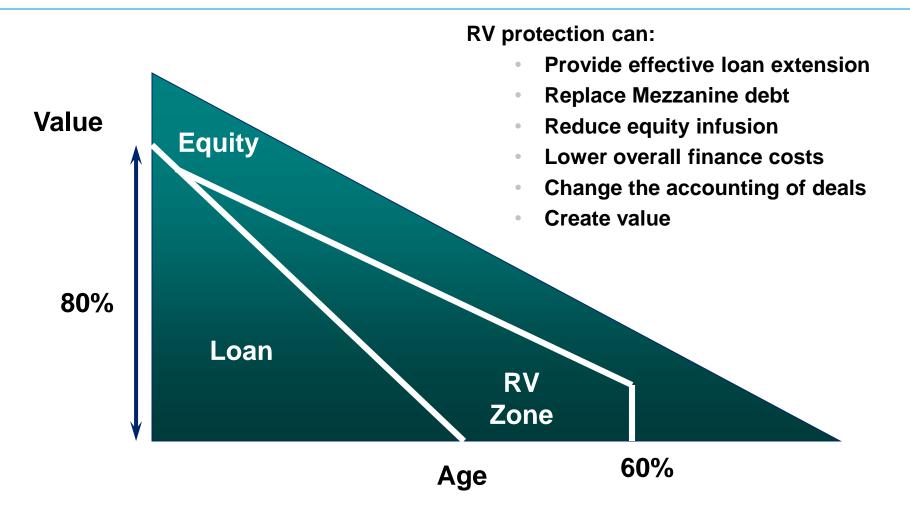
Governed by national tax rules/accounting standards

Equity Providers – needs are dependent on role:

**Passive** – commonly require a **PUT** to a third party - represents a residual value guarantee (**RVG**)

Active – generally seeking catastrophic downside protection

## Residual value in a typical finance profile



## 2. Capacity for underwriting RVI?

- How many insurers?
- New entrants?
- Geographical spread?
- Competition / pressure on rates?
- 2008-9, many RVI departments deemed non-core and closed
- As global commercial lending recovers, lenders increasingly considering RVI to reduce capital cost of certain leasing transactions

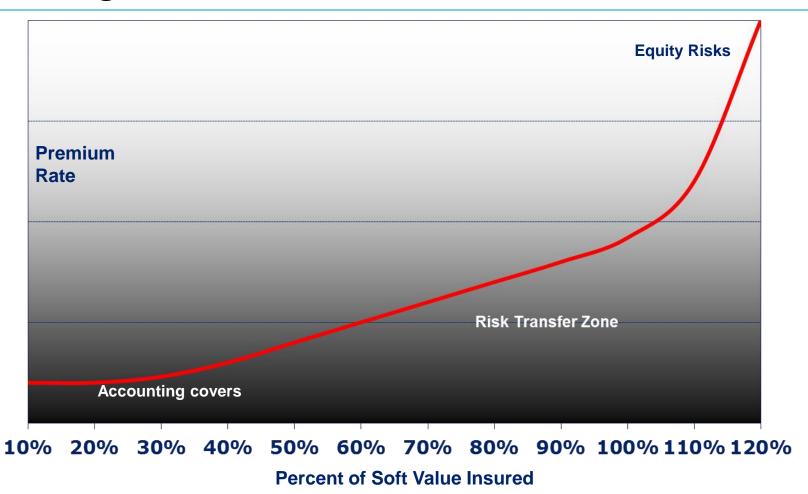
## 3. How do RVI underwriters assess aircraft values?

- In-house underwriting expertise? And/or reliance on independent expert appraisals?
- Expected value vs. distressed (soft) value vs. scrap value
- Consideration given to existing portfolio of RVI risks? i.e. overexposure to "risky" assets?
- Negotiation with the bank / lessor?
- "Fair market value" usually the basis of a claim
- Other material underwriting information?

## 4. How much does **RVI** cost and is it value for money?

- Typically, how is premium assessed? (e.g. 3-6% of the insured value)
- Premium paid up front (e.g. covering 10 year policy term). Refunds?
- Can solve problems value of having a deal vs. abandoning deal
- Capital optimisation?
- Creating liquidity in a portfolio and assisting with securitisation of an aircraft.
- Premium can be added to loan amount
- Mitigates risk of future impairment charges re net book values

### **RVI Pricing Curve**



## 5. What **RVI** do I get for my money?

- Standard or bespoke policy forms?
- Insuring clause: "fortuity" is the unexpected decline in value, due to changes in market conditions
- Agreed percentage of "soft value" insured
- Conditions and Exclusions?
- Claims process: valuation / notification of return / transfer of title
- What about damage repaired in accordance with OEM guidelines, but which results in aircraft having a "damage history"?

Any questions?

Thank you for listening

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